STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; established on March 1, 1961, the Peace Corps is celebrating its 61st anniversary this year; and WHEREAS; since 1961, more than 240,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in 142 countries, and with over 6,400 Wisconsinites having served since the program's creation, Wisconsin is proud to have one of the longest and deepest traditions of Peace Corps service in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's Peace Corps volunteers showcase the best our state has to offer, exemplifying the program's mission to promote world peace by serving our communities, promoting empathy and unity, and working together to take on challenges; and

WHEREAS; through its educational leadership in research, outreach, and teaching, the University of Wisconsin – Madison consistently ranks as the number one recruiting campus in the United States, with over 3,300 graduates who have put their education and life experience to work as Peace Corps volunteers around the world over the past 61 years; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with people and communities across the globe, the Peace Corps has provided thousands of University of Wisconsin graduates with real-world, cultural, and work experiences, and returned volunteers have helped educators here in Wisconsin incorporate global learning that is focused on cultural sensitivity and global competency into their classrooms; and

WHEREAS; the Peace Corps serves as a shining example of excellence in university-government collaboration, fostering agricultural, business, educational, environmental, economic, community health, and youth development throughout the world; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and all Wisconsinites who have served in the Peace Corps, in celebrating the Peace Corps' 61st anniversary and wishing the program many more years of success in our state and beyond;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 27 – March 5, 2022, as

PEACE CORPS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of February 2022.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State